

Daughter-I purchased these goods at Catchem & Cheatem's.

Mother-Never heard of them. Daughter-Why, mother! don't you remember how all the pretty places in the country were daubed up with their horrid signs, and how mad we all got? I'll never forget them in the world .-N. Y. Weekly.

Very Much in Doubt.

Blanche-Isabel, what has put you in such a bad humor?

Isabel-Why, I've just had a communication from Jack, and he writes such a horrid hand that I can't tell whether it's a proposal, an ode to summer or that cure for chilblains he promised to send me.-Tit-Bits.

Jersey Lover to His Girl.

Come walking in the greenwood, love, Beneath the pine's umbrella. Come breathe the balmy zephyr while

I smoke my panatella. And lest tobacco fail to fend The skeeters, darling Ella, Perhaps you'd better take along
A pint of citronella.

-Newark News.

HOW SHE EVENED UP.



"What did she say when you told her I was out?" "She said to tell you she didn't

call."-Chicago American. A Dream of Bliss.

"So you are looking forward to a

good time this summer?" "Yes, sir," answered Mr. Cumrox.

"Going out of town?"

"No. I'm going to send mother and the girls out of town. Then I'm going to sit in my shirt sleeves, smoke my pipe in the parlor and hire a street piano to play all the rag-time I want." -Washington Star.

His Explanation.

"What'll I do about this explanation of mine?" asked the congressman. "My constituents will expect something of the kind from me."

"Follow the usual method," answered the experienced editor. "Make ft so long that people will take it for granted rather than try to read it all.' -Washington Star.

A Certain Test.

Daughter-I sometimes wonder if Jack really lowes me.

Brother-Well, you needn't. I've been borrowing money from him for the last nine months, and he hasn't decreased his visits.—Brooklyn Life.

Defined.

While man has seven ages, Fair woman has but three, Her meal one; what her friends think;

And what she claims to be. Puck.



Fair Passenger-What are the wild

Uneasy Escort-I think they are guying me, judging from the queer way I feel - Chicago Daily News.



DISGUSTINGLY DRY JOB.

Foreman-Have you breakfast yet, Pat? Pat-Not a drop, sor.-Ally Sloper.

Melancholy. The rose is red; I wonder why. The violet's blue, And so am I.

-Newark News.

Merely a Reminder.

"Yes," remarked young DeBorem as the clock chimed the hour of 11 p. m., "I'm - aw - very absent - minded, doncher know? I'm always forgetting something that I-aw-should wemember."

"I have noticed that," rejoined Miss gle a yawn. "You even forget how to tell time by the clock."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Unexpected Happens.

"Darling," said the young man who had figured on breaking into the family circle, "I am afraid your father is going to call our engagement off." "Why do you think so, dear?" asked the fair maid.

man, "he paid back the \$10 he bor- "STATUMANIA" IN FRANCE. rowed of me three months ago."-Chicago Daily News.

Catching.

Don't growl that you're tired Whatever you do; The chronic complainer Makes his friends tired, too.

-Houston (Tex.) Post. BRIGHT PROSPECTS.



"How're the chances of the team

this season?" "Fine! We've got a new college pitcher who can cuss at the umpire in seven different languages."-Farm and Fireside.

An Important Distinction.

The diplomat doth tofl in state And carefully dissimulate.
With lesser plans and smaller wit He would be called a hypocrite.

-Washington Star.

All Auntie's Fault. Aunt Prisms-I am shocked at you, Maude. You permitted young Mr. Jones to kiss you.

Maude-He only just touched me on the nose, auntie.

"It was quite out of place, dear." "He knew it was, auntie; but you

came in so suddenly, you see."-Stray The Dawn of Reasoning.

"Pa," asked the little Wise boy. what is a buttery?" "A buttery, my son," explained Mr. Wise, "is where people make butter."

"Then do they make augers in an augury?"-Judge. Hard on the Ear.

Mrs. Church-Has your child got an

ear for music? Mrs. Gotham-No; I think it was ruined when she was quite young. My husband used to sing to her-Youkers

Statesman. ._

CURIOUS BODY OF WATER.

Lake in Abyssinia That Is Supplied by Streams Flowing Inland from the Sea.

In Consul Skinner's recent report on his visit to Abyssinia he mentions one of the most curious bodies of water in the world, though we rarely hear of it. He says, quotes a Washington report, that Lake Assal has an immense supply of good salt and holds out very exceptional prospects to capitalists. A concession has already been granted for the exploitation of the salt.

Lake Assal is a small body of very salt water lying seven or eight miles inland from the bay of Tadjoura, one of the French possessions in East Africa. It comprises only about 16 square miles.

It is surrounded by a wonderful confusion of jagged mountains, descending to the water's edge so that it is almost impossible to travel around it. Its waters are salt to the point of saturation, and at its lowest level there is seen upon its bank a layer of nearly pure salt.

That dealening noise heard after great disaster is the strenuous locking of the stable door after the horse has been stolen. over a foot thick.

For years nobody knew whence it derived its water. The few men who visited it could not ascertain that any stream flows into it. It was thought that the lake probably had subterranean affluents, but this theory was not dem-

The mystery of Lake Assal was solved in 1885 by the French explorer, Henry Audon. He carefully examined the shores, though he found it very difficult. His hard work was at last rewarded by the murmur of a waterfall.

Guided by the sound he approached the spot, and the solution of the enigma was before him. He found a large brook of crystalline water foaming over the stones and throwing itself impetuously into the lake. He tasted the water, and found it as salt as the ocean, of which indeed it had been a part.

Lake Assal lies considerably below the surface of the sea. It has been ascertained that the water that pours into it comes from three brooks which flow from the Gubbet el Karab, a little bay at the extreme western end of the bay of Tadjoura.

The waters of the Indian ocean are carried inland to fill this depression in the interior, and when they reach Lake inland as Menelik's capital.

Perhaps there are only two other instances known of water flowing inland through brooks from the sea. Both these brooks are in the island of Cepha-

island, near the small town and port Caustique, as she vainly tried to stran- of Argostoli. For a little way they flow near one another straight from the sea, and then follow different courses. Both streams finally disappear in the ground, probably reaching some subterranean reservoir whose waters perhaps again reach the sea through fissures in the

There is no tide in the sea here, and the flow of the salt water streams is perfectly steady and continuous.

Mania Possesses the People to Erect Memorials to Persons of Little Note.

From time to time one sees a feeble protest in the Paris press against what is known as statumania, i. e., WHEAT-No. 2 red. the mania for erecting statues, says a CORN-No. 2 mixed. Paris correspondent of the London OATS-No. 2 mixed. Globe. I once asked a Frenchman why his countrymen were so fond of puting up statues to mediocrities. His reply was in these terms: "There are so many sculptors in France that it is difficult to find employment for them all. Besides, we like statues, and the man who organizes a committee for a statue to one of his friends is certain to be allowed an opportunity of making a speech-an oration he would call it-when the day comes for the unveiling. Perhaps he may be fortunate enough to obtain a decoration. And when he dies he hopes somebody else will do as much for him." I think the answer was a genuine one, for I remember on one occasion when I went to the ministry of the interior to see a functionary there, he told me the following story in illustration of the weakness of his countrymen for decorations: "When anyone comes here." he said, "in search of a missing friend or relative this is the sort of dialogue which ensues:

"'What name?'

"'Jacques Delarue." "'What age?"

" 'Thirty-five.'

"'What profession?" "'Retired officer.'

"Was he decorated?"

"Yes.

"Then there is no hope of finding him.'"

the man without one is more easily iden*ified.

Timely Assistance. Mrs. Jaggsby (time two a. m.) - What

in the world kept you so late? Jaggsby-W-why (hic) m'dear, jush Genuine bears above signature

as I was comin' (hic) 'long, first thing I know'd I was held up by (hic) shix or sheven highwaym'n on (hic) darksh shide street.

"Well, it's a good thing they happened to be there to hold you up. You never could have done it yourself."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Time on the Ceiling. An ingeniously constructed shadow clock has just been invented by Prof. Herth, of Lynn, Mass. The essential feature of the invention consists of a lamp, which throws upon the ceiling an optical representation of a small watch. -Jeweiers' Circular Weekly.

Modern Education.

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First Passenger—Well, thank goodness my children have finished their education, and are ready to start out in the world. They can swim, bike, golf and play lawn tennis; they are well up in bookkeeping, smart shorthand writers, and good typists; they can swim, bike, golf and play lawn moderately and drink very little.

Second Passenger—Are they boys or girls?

—New Yorker.

It Pays to Read Newspapers.

Cox, Wis., July 4.—Frank M. Russell of this place, had Kidney Disease so bad that he could not walk. He tried Doctors' treatment and many different remedies, but was getting worse. He was very low.

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What legislators those Japs would make! hey will risk their lives to seize a pass.— hiladelphia North American.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

He jests at cucumbers who never felt a stomachache.—Hartford Post. MARKET REPORT.

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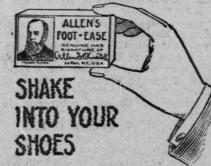
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